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1. CALCUTTA PRESS GIVES RATHER THIN COVERAGE TO MRS. GANDHI'S MAY 1 VISIT TO BOKARO TO INAUGURATE THE HOT STRIP MILL THERE AND TOPATNA BUT ALL REPORT THAT THE THRUST OF HER REMARKS WAS WARNING ABOUT FOREIGN DANGERS. STATESMAN SAYS SHE "LASHED OUT AT A SECTION OF FOREIGN CRITICS 'WHO STARTED SHEDDING CROCODILE TEARS OVER THE LOSS OF DEMOCRACY IN INDIA.'" AMRITA BAZAR PATRIKA HEADLINES STORY ON MRS. GANDHI'S SPEECH IN PATNA "THREATS WON'T SUBDUE US: PM." PAPER SAYS MRS. GANDHI EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER "HEAVY ARMS BUILD-UP" IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY BUT SAID INDIA IS FULLY AWARE OF THE DANGERS AND WOULD MEET THE CHALLENGE AS EFFECTIVELY AS IN THE PAST. PRIME MINISTER DECLARED THAT "WE SHALL PURSUE THIS
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POLICY OF MAKING THE COUNTRY STRONG WITHOUT CARING FOR

BEING SUBDUED BY THREAT OR PRESSURE FROM ANY QUARTER."
AMRITA REPORTS PRIME MINISTER CAUTIONED PEOPLE AGAINST
"SOME BIG POWERS" COVERTLY TRYING TO INFLUENCE THEIR
MIND AND WEAKEN THE COUNTRY."

2. WHILE USSR APPARENTLY HAD A LARGE DELEGATION, HEADED
BY DEPUTY PM ARKHIPOV, AT THE BOKARO INAUGURATION, MOST
PAPERS MENTIONED ARKHIPOV AND THE SOVIET CONTRIBUTION TO
BOKARO ONLY IN THE FINAL PARAGRAPHS OF THEIR STORIES.
CPI KALANTAR OF COURSE GIVES SOVIET DELEGATION AND SOVIET
ROLE IN BOKARO BIG PLAY.KORN

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